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SUBJECT: DISAGREEMENT AND CONFUSION OVER THE INTENDED REVIEW OF
THE CAP

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1598

1. SUMMARY. IN MARCH THE EC COMMISSION ANNOUNCED IN AN
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WORDED STATEMENT ITS INTENTION TO REVIEW THE CAP. CONSIDERABLE
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FUSION HAS SUBSEQUENTLY ARISEN OVER THE PURPOSES OF THIS REVIEW AND
WHETHER OR NOT THE COUNCIL HAS AGREED TO IT. THE COMMISSION MEAN-
WHILE IS PROCEEDING WITH ITS PLANS TO CARRY OUT ITS REVIEW AND TO
PRESENT A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL IN OCTOBER. END SUMMARY.

2. WHEN THE COMMISSION PRESENTED ITS 1973/74 CAP PRICE PROPOSALS
TO THE COUNCIL IN MARCH (REFTEL), IT ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO
QUOTE CARRY OUT AN IN- DEPTH EXAMINATION OF THE PROBLEMS (OF THE CAP)
AND DECIDE WHETHER IT IS EXPEDIENT TO INTRODUCE SUPPLEMENTARY
MEASURES WHICH WOULD ALLOW A REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE INCREASE
IN
AGRICULTURAL INCOMES WITHOUT CAUSING THE MARKET SITUATION TO
DETERIORATE UNQUOTE. THE COMMISSION INVITED THE COUNCIL TO ARRANGE
FOR A DISCUSSION IN OCTOBER ON THIS REVIEW OF THE CAP.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION AND SOME
DISAGREEMENT AMONG THE AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS AS TO THE PURPOSES
OF THE CAP REVIEW AND WHO WILL PARTICIPATE. THIS HAS BEEN REFLECTED
IN THE PRESS. LARDINOIS REPORTEDLY HAS NOT HELPED TO CLEAR THE AIR
BY HIS VAGUE STATEMENTS ON THE INTENTIONS OF THE COMMISSION --
ALTHOUGH HIS VAGUENESS APPEARS PURPOSEFUL IN LARGE PART IN ORDER
TO AVOID A PREMATURE FREEZING ON POSITIONS WITHIN THE COMMISSION
OR THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

4. ACCORDING TO PERM REP SOURCES, THE CONFUSION AMONG THE AGRICUL-
TURAL MINISTERS FIRST AROSE IN THE MARATHON MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG
WHICH ENDED MAY 1. DURING THAT MEETING THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT" IN
THE NEAR FUTURE" THEY WOULD MEET IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE FINANCE
MINISTERS TO DISCUSS THE " RETURN TO THE UNITY OF MARKETS" --
(I. E., RE- ESTABLISHMENT OF A SINGLE PRICE SYSTEM AND THE ELIMINATION
OF MONETARY COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS).

5. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL NON- GERMAN PERM REP SOURCES, ERTL, THE
GERMAN MINISTER, CLAIMS THAT IN ONE OF THE HIGHLY RESTRICTED SESSIONS
DURING THE LUXEMBOURG MEETING THE COUNCIL ALSO AGREED, IN PRINCIPLE,
ON HAVING A FUNDAMENTAL REVIEW OF THE CAP. THE BRITISH, WHO AT LEAST
PUBLICLY ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO SUCH A REVIEW, TEND
TO SUPPORT ERTL ON THIS AGREEMENT.

6. CHIRAC, THE FRENCH MINISTER, SAYS THAT THE ONLY AGREEMENT
REACHED
IN THAT COUNCIL MEETING CONCERNED THE UNITY OF MARKETS AND THAT ANY
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